

J. R. CRUMP.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 524.]

MARCH 30, 1860.

Mr. HUTCHINS, from the Committee on Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of J. R. Crump, "asking compensation as a member of Superintendent E. F. Beale's wagon road expedition in 1858," having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report :

That memorialist was a member of said expedition, and that on his arrival in Albuquerque, he was ordered by Mr. Beale to proceed to Santa Fé, and there employ his time. The following is a copy of the official order :

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 7, 1859.

SIR : You will proceed to Santa Fé and there employ your time in constructing a map of the country between Fort Smith and Albuquerque. Your allowance will consist of your pay of \$90 per month, and no charge beyond will in any case whatever be allowed. Should I not return to Santa Fé by the 1st of July next, you will consider yourself out of service.

Very respectfully,

E. F. BEALE,
Superintendent, &c.

J. R. CRUMP Esq.:

The memorialist having completed the work assigned him, and ascertaining that Mr. Beale would not return to Santa Fé by the 1st of July, he started home on the 13th June, bringing with him the maps, which were accepted by the War Department, and pronounced satisfactory. Mr. Crump now asks an allowance of two hundred and five dollars to cover his expenses home.

The memorialist was again employed in the service of Mr. Beale, after his return from the expedition, in compiling from the notes, observations, &c., the itineraries to accompany the official report. In reply to a letter addressed to the Secretary of War by the chairman of your committee, Mr. Beale says :

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 19, 1860.*

SIR: In reply to a letter from the chairman of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, I have to state: On my return from my late expedition, being much pressed for time in the preparation of my report, I accepted the volunteered services of Mr. Crump to compile from the notes, observations, &c., the itineraries to accompany the work. I told Mr. Crump at the time I could not employ him, as I had no means left of paying him; but the service he performed was certainly very useful, and enabled me to lay before Congress at an early day whatever is useful in my journals, notes, and information collected on the exploration, in a condensed form, which, for want of such assistance, I could not have finished for some months. In view of the work done by Mr. Crump, I should certainly think it but fair and just that he should be paid for his services.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

E. F. BEALE,
Superintendent, &c.

Hon. JNO. B. FLOYD.

Mr. Crump claims for this service one thousand dollars; but in view of the fact that he was only employed on the work three months, your committee think the charge extravagant. At an annual salary of of \$2,000, he would be entitled to five hundred dollars; but in full payment of both bills your committee have agreed to allow him seven hundred and fifty dollars, and report the accompanying bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.